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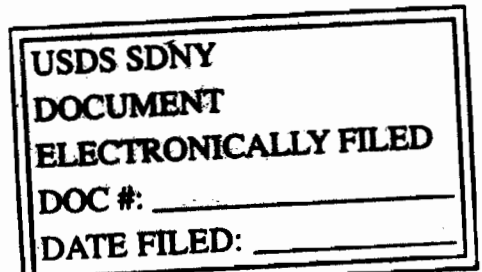
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Honorable Kenneth M. Karas
United States Courthouse
300 Quarropas Street, Room 533
White Plains, NY 10601



Re: *Catskill Mountains Chapter of Trout Unltd. et al. v. EPA et al.*,
08 Civ. 5606 (KMK) (GAY)

Dear Judge Karas:

This Office represents defendants the United States Environmental Protection Agency and Stephen L. Johnson, Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency (collectively "EPA"), in the above-referenced lawsuit. EPA writes respectfully to request a brief extension, from August 25, 2008, until September 15, 2008, to respond to the Complaint. EPA requests this extension because the parties are currently exploring whether a stay of the action may be appropriate in light of pending litigation in the Eleventh Circuit regarding the same issues raised here. Plaintiffs consent to this request for an extension.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully,

MICHAEL J. GARCIA
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*Granted. EPA has until September 15, 2008
to answer or otherwise respond to the complaint*

So Ordered.

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